

Insurance Committee Public Hearing

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

HB 5208 AN ACT CONCERNING MAMMOGRAMS, BREAST ULTRASOUNDS AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING OF BREASTS

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the committee's rejection of HB 5208.

Prohibiting cost-sharing simply results in increased premiums. Elimination of cost sharing also impacts the metal tier structure of the Exchange plans limiting the development of innovative products that match consumer demand.

The Association also strongly opposes the codification of specific codes in statute. Doing such will create compliance problems well into the future given that the coding manuals evolve over time rendering some codes obsolete.

We respectfully urge of your rejection of HB 5208.